

**§ 4.05-35 Incidents involving nuclear vessels.**

The master of any nuclear vessel shall immediately inform the Commandant in the event of any accident or casualty to the nuclear vessel which may lead to an environmental hazard. The master shall also immediately inform the competent governmental authority of the country in whose waters the vessel may be or whose waters the vessel approaches in a damaged condition.

[CGD 84-099, 52 FR 47534, Dec. 14, 1987]

**§ 4.05-40 Alternate electronic means of reporting.**

The Commandant may approve alternate electronic means of submitting notices and reports required under this subpart.

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**Subpart 4.06—Mandatory Chemical Testing Following Serious Marine Incidents Involving Vessels in Commercial Service**

SOURCE: CGD 86-067, 53 FR 47078, Nov. 21, 1988, unless otherwise noted.

**§ 4.06-1 Responsibilities of the marine employer.**

(a) At the time of occurrence of a marine casualty, a discharge of oil into the navigable waters of the United States, a discharge of a hazardous substance into the navigable waters of the United States, or a release of a hazardous substance into the environment of the United States, the marine employer shall make a timely, good faith determination as to whether the occurrence currently is, or is likely to become, a serious marine incident.

(b) When a marine employer determines that a casualty or incident is, or is likely to become, a serious marine incident, the marine employer shall take all practicable steps to have each individual engaged or employed on board the vessel who is directly involved in the incident chemically tested for evidence of drug and alcohol use.

(c) The determination of which individuals are directly involved in a serious

marine incident is to be made by the marine employer. A law enforcement officer may determine that additional individuals are directly involved in the serious marine incident. In such cases, the marine employer shall take all practicable steps to have these individuals tested in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) The requirements of this subpart shall not prevent vessel personnel who are required to be tested from performing duties in the aftermath of a serious marine incident when their performance is necessary for the preservation of life or property or the protection of the environment.

(e) The marine employer shall ensure that all individuals engaged or employed on board a vessel are fully indoctrinated in the requirements of this subpart, and that appropriate vessel personnel are trained as necessary in the practical applications of these requirements.

[CGD 86-067, 53 FR 47078, Nov. 21, 1988, as amended by USCG-2000-7759, 66 FR 42967, Aug. 16, 2001]

**§ 4.06-5 Responsibilities of individuals directly involved in serious marine incidents.**

(a) Any individual engaged or employed on board a vessel who is determined to be directly involved in a serious marine incident shall provide blood, breath or urine specimens for chemical tests required by § 4.06-10 when directed to do so by the marine employer or a law enforcement officer.

(b) If the individual refuses to provide blood, breath or urine specimens, this refusal shall be noted on Form CG-2692B and in the vessel's official log book, if one is required.

(c) No individual may be forcibly compelled to provide specimens for chemical tests required by this part; however, refusal is considered a violation of regulation and could subject the individual to suspension and revocation proceedings under part 5 of this chapter and removal from any duties which directly affect the safety of the vessel's navigation or operations.